News release

Australian ministerial visit

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Australian Environment Minister, The Hon. Dr David Kemp MP, will be visiting the Met Office in Bracknell next week. The minister will be meeting climate research scientists and touring the Met Office's Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research on Monday, July 15.

His visit is part of a three-day programme that includes appointments with DEFRA Ministers, a meeting with the UK Carbon Trust, and a seminar which he will host at Chatham House. He will be accompanied by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Environment and Heritage, the Australian Ambassador for the Environment, and his Chief of Staff.

Peter Ewins, Chief Executive of the Met Office, said: "We are pleased that Dr Kemp will be visiting Bracknell during his stay in the UK. The Met Office's Hadley Centre is internationally acknowledged as the premier climate modelling centre, and politicians across the world base their response to climate change on our research and long-term predictions."

Notes:

The Hon. Dr David Kemp MP is Minister for the Environment and Heritage for Australia, and was appointed on 26 November 2001. His responsibility for Environment Australia (the Department of Environment and Heritage) includes the protection and conservation of the environment, meteorology and related sciences and services, and Australia's interests in Antarctica.

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